Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Gerald K. Bloemke's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Gerald K. Bloemke devoted more than 37 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Non-Commissioner Officer and leader in the South Dakota Army National Guard in times of peace and war; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Bloemke continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Gerald K. Bloemke for more than 37 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2008, as

STAFF SERGEANT GERALD K. BLOEMKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State